

of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Republican leader or his designee, and the final 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee; that at close of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 372, the Intelligence authorization bill; that on Tuesday, the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in order to accommodate the respective party conference work sessions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER TO ADJOURN

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Senator WARNER and Senator WEBB.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Virginia is recognized.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, at this time, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE TRAGIC EVENTS AT VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I am joined here with my colleague, Senator WEBB, and the two of us have put forward a resolution of the Senate, S. Res. 149. We are joined in the cosponsorship by the distinguished majority leader, Senator REID, the minority leader, Senator MCCONNELL, and all other Members of the Senate.

Our resolution, jointly prepared by Senator WEBB and myself, reads as follows:

Expressing the condolences of the Senate on the tragic events at Virginia Tech University.

Resolved, that the Senate

(1) offers its heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families, and to students, faculty, administration and staff and their families who have been deeply affected by the tragic events that occurred today at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia;

(2) expresses its hope that today's losses will lead to a shared national commitment to take steps that will help our communities prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future; and

(3) recognizes that Virginia Tech has served as an exemplary institution of teaching, learning, and research for well over a century; and that the University's historic and proud traditions will carry on.

I yield the floor to my distinguished colleague.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. WEBB. Mr. President, I again express my gratitude to the senior Senator from Virginia for taking the initiative on this resolution and working with us to make sure this is language which is acceptable to all the Members of this body.

I also express my appreciation to many people in this body—Members—and also staff members and others who have come forward today and expressed their condolences about what happened in this incident. Again, all of us are truly saddened by what has happened today in this tragic event. This is a very small gesture of condolence and support from our body, but I think it is a very appropriate one, and I am pleased to be one of the cosponsors of it. Hopefully, once the grieving is done, we can, indeed, move forward to finding ways that will prevent these sorts of incidents from happening in the future.

I yield the floor.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I thank my distinguished colleague. We have worked as partners on this resolution throughout the day. It has been a most unusual day for the two of us, for our Governor, for our State, and all its people.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 149, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 149) expressing the condolences of the Senate on the tragic events at Virginia Tech University.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution

be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 149) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 149

Expressing the condolences of the Senate on the tragic events at Virginia Tech University.

Resolved, that the Senate—

(1) offers its heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families, and to students, faculty, administration and staff and their families who have been deeply affected by the tragic events that occurred today at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia;

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(3) recognizes that Virginia Tech has served as an exemplary institution of teaching, learning, and research for well over a century; and that the University's historic and proud traditions will carry on.

Mr. WARNER. I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:47 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 16, 2007:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

DENNIS R. SCHRADER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (NEW POSITION)

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

KIRK O. AUSTIN, 0000
JOHNNY M. SELLERS, 0000
LEE W. SMITHSON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

CRAIG E. BENNETT, 0000
DAVID G. BRIDGES, 0000
GARY A. FREESE, 0000
DARLENE M. SHEALY, 0000